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## **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2002, the period of response having been extended to May 12, 2003 by a two-month extension of time and fee filed currently herewith, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A system for protecting a roadway structure from damage caused by vehicular

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